



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## CORN PLANTING FINALLY RESTARTS, SOME SOYBEANS AND COTTON PLANTED

At last, weather conditions improved slightly and allowed some fields to dry out enough that corn planting could start again. There were some fields that were still too muddy to plant but producers made as much progress as possible. Some soybeans and cotton were planted, in line with normal averages. There were 2.8 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 56 percent adequate and 44 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 66 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. Hay supplies were 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Winter Wheat - Jointing	81	66	73	89	Wheat	0	2	19	56	23
Winter Wheat - Headed	13	1	18	38	Pasture	1	5	23	58	13
Corn - Planted	17	6	48	60	Strawberries	0	6	31	56	7
Corn - Emerged	3	N/A	10	30						
Apples – Full Bloom	85	73	76	81						
Soybeans - Planted	1	N/A	2	3						
Cotton - Planted	3	N/A	3	2						

### County Agent Comments

Producers were working hard to find as many dry fields as possible to get some corn planted. Wheat progressing pretty well. Need some sunshine and drier weather on our wheat. Producers continue to get burn-down applications applied to get ready for cotton and soybean planting.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Due to the wet weather in April, I am getting reports that producers have given up on planting corn and will be planting that land in soybeans.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette Co. were able to get some corn planted last week. We had about two and a half to three days in a row that allowed for planting. More rain did move in on Friday. Crops look good for the most part.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Corn planters started rolling late last week, with producers searching for fields dry enough to plant. Additional acres of burn-down spraying occurred when wind conditions allowed. Several acres of corn fertilizer were applied as well.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Rain continues to keep producers out of the field. Some acres of corn did get planted last week.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Corn planting got started back towards the end of the week.

Chris Hicks, Smith County

The wet weather has delayed pasture fertilizer and weed control applications past optimal times. Almost no tobacco acres are ready for planting but transplants are very near ready. Dry weather is very much needed for a few weeks.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Muddy and wet conditions along with cool soil temperatures have kept row crop producers out of the fields. Pastures are wet and muddy but grass is growing. Some wheat lodged after rain/wind event early in the week. Cows/calves are enjoying the green grass. Some producers continue to feed hay due to excessive moisture in grasses but hay supplies are very low to none available. Hopefully no damage to fruit crops and early vegetable crops from late season cold nighttime temperatures.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

A break in the rain mid-week allowed for corn producers to plant a few more acres to bring the total acres planted to about 10%. Rain at the beginning and end of the week produced from 1.75 to 2.0 inches. Temperatures were cooler than normal with lows dipping into the upper 30's to mid-40's. When weather allowed, producers were busy spraying burn down herbicides for corn and beans, spreading fertilizer, and

*planting corn. The bulk of the wheat crop is in the early boot stage. Cattle producers are finally through feeding hay. The new crop is looking good but needs sunshine.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*A mostly rain-free week made fertilizing, spraying, and corn planting possible. Strawberries have been under pressure from Botrytis. Pastures and hay fields are improving with sunshine and fertilizer applications.*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

*Winter wheat has taken advantage of the drier conditions and done well. Apples and peaches are almost fully bloomed.*

**Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**

*Corn planting big time yesterday and today. Soybeans being planted now. Grass Tetany has been seen in beef cattle this week. Pasture fertilized this past couple days.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: April 26, 2015 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending April 26, 2015				Current Week 04/27/15	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	82	40	60	-2	2.04	2	18.45	-1.09	5.41	0.65
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	82	40	59	-3	1.53	2	20.26	1.42	8.43	3.95
Brownsville	82	41	60	-2	1.13	3	17.58	-0.56	5.42	1.23
Covington_3SW	80	41	59	-3	1.29	2	16.51	-2.04	4.76	0.10
Dresden	80	41	58	-3	1.25	4	20.20	2.13	7.36	2.95
Dyersburg_AP	79	43	59	-5	0.96	4	15.62	-1.22	4.61	0.44
Henderson_4W	81	39	58	-4	1.52	3	20.19	2.20	7.72	3.61
Huntingdon_Wate	82	41	59	2	1.22	3	17.44	-0.68	5.79	1.85
Jackson_Exp_Stn	82	39	60	-2	1.09	3	17.29	-0.70	5.98	1.87
Lexington_Ag	82	38	58	-4	0.87	2	18.31	1.10	6.06	2.19
Memphis_WFO	82	42	61	-1	1.47	2	16.33	-1.82	3.67	-0.99
Milan_Exp_Stn	81	40	59	-1	0.92	2	15.73	-2.19	4.42	0.28
Paris_2SE	80	39	57	-2	1.05	5	17.63	-0.40	6.53	2.44
Selmer	84	38	60	-2	2.70	2	21.34	1.58	7.31	2.87
Union_City_AP	77	41	57	-4	0.84	4	17.52	0.64	5.02	0.84
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	81	35	56	-5	0.98	4	17.99	0.45	5.33	1.71
Carthage	79	36	57	-3	0.77	4	17.35	-0.20	4.69	1.27
Centerville_4NE	82	40	58	-4	1.26	3	18.46	0.08	6.14	2.07
Cheatham_L_D	85	39	57	-1	1.30	3	17.01	-0.29	5.98	2.37
Clarksville_AP	82	36	58	-2	1.59	5	19.63	2.23	7.82	4.13
Coalmont	73	33	54	-4	1.61	4	25.77	3.42	8.67	4.28
Columbia_3WNW	80	39	58	0	1.66	2	18.57	-0.88	6.62	2.43
Cookeville	78	34	56	-2	0.92	4	17.98	-1.52	4.54	0.66
Crossville_AP	77	38	58	1	1.58	4	20.52	0.99	6.44	2.46
Dover_1W	78	40	57	-4	1.21	4	21.06	2.94	6.92	2.97
Fayetteville_Wt	76	40	60	0	1.44	3	22.70	2.50	4.86	0.94
Hohenwald	79	39	57	-5	1.54	4	19.59	-0.54	6.62	2.24
Jamestown	78	32	55	-3	1.36	5	19.29	1.31	6.18	2.65
Kingston_Spring	81	39	57	-2	1.56	4	20.38	2.93	7.90	4.23
Lobelville	82	39	57	-3	1.31	4	19.50	0.26	7.15	3.17
Monteagle	73	39	55	-4	1.97	4	24.91	2.56	8.78	4.39
Murfreesboro_5N	80	35	57	-3	0.96	5	17.75	-0.28	4.80	1.16
Nashville_Metro	84	40	60	-2	0.95	4	17.40	1.50	6.33	2.96
Shelbyville_Wtr	78	42	61	1	1.03	4	19.12	-0.13	6.10	2.41
Sparta_WWTP	80	34	58	-3	1.33	3	18.69	-0.45	5.72	2.12
Springfield_Exp	80	37	56	-3	2.04	4	19.10	2.34	7.85	4.21
Tennessee_Ridge	80	41	58	-2	2.52	2	18.36	-0.53	7.12	3.09
Thompson_Statio	80	41	59	-2	0.84	3	18.18	-1.60	5.91	1.87
Wartrace_6E	74	42	57	-3	2.00	4	20.94	-0.46	6.62	2.32
Waynesboro_Ag	79	37	59	1	1.52	4	22.43	1.76	8.53	4.11
East										
Athens	77	38	58	0	1.65	4	19.45	-2.06	5.77	1.58
Chattanooga_Lov	79	42	62	1	2.75	4	20.41	0.26	9.23	5.52
Gatlinburg_2SW	76	32	55	-2	1.78	3	17.41	-1.04	5.46	1.70
Greeneville_Exp	75	29	54	0	1.11	4	14.04	-0.48	4.77	1.57
Kingston_Ag	76	37	57	-2	1.76	3	18.41	-2.31	5.43	1.48
Knoxville_AP	76	37	60	0	0.84	3	15.72	-1.48	4.06	0.61
Lenior_City	76	37	58	-2	0.72	3	17.35	-1.97	4.43	0.60
Morristown_Radi	73	33	56	-2	0.89	3	15.57	-0.25	4.69	1.66
Oak_Ridge	76	37	61	2	2.08	3	19.25	0.16	6.74	3.00
Roan_Mtn_2SE	73	29	51	2	1.39	3	14.01	-2.50	5.52	1.92
Rogersville_1NE	78	32	57	-2	2.64	3	18.69	3.75	7.28	4.13
Townsend_5S	76	35	56	0	1.25	5	18.57	0.12	4.91	1.15
Tri-City_RGNL_A	75	32	57	0	0.90	3	14.22	0.64	4.89	2.14

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.